

Student Qualifications for Off-Campus Physical Education

Thank you for your interest in the CFISD Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE) program. OCPE is an opportunity for elite athletes who are participating and/or competing at an Olympic-level to receive PE credit. These students are making a serious effort to develop higher-level skills in their specific activity that exceed what the campus can offer.

Note: Not every sport qualifies for OCPE. Individual sports or activities and team sports not offered in the district may qualify.

To apply for the following school year, you must apply before the MAY 1 deadline.

To apply for the second semester only, you must apply before the NOVEMBER 1 deadline.

- You must provide written verification of the following: prior training in your sport or activity for at least one previous year with a minimum of ten hours each week, current training level, how many hours per week you are currently training. Your coach must provide this verification on facility letterhead.
- Once in the program, the student must train for a minimum of 15 hours under the supervision of the coach. Our office will make intermittent, unscheduled visits to verify participation and attendance.
- You must not be on campus during your OCPE class period.

A student seeking acceptance in the program must:

1. Have been a participant in a training facility **for ten or more hours** per week for one year prior to submitting an application.
2. Only participate **at one facility**. Students may not split Off-Campus PE training between multiple facilities.
3. Agree to be picked up at the beginning of the last period of the school day or enter at the second period of the school day.
 - (Students are **not allowed to be on campus** during their OCPE class period).
4. Participate in **15 clock hours per week** of highly intensive professional training supervised by the facility coach.
 - These hours do not include games, performances, competitions, tournaments, or travel time.
 - The coach must be present and supervising during all training times.
5. Be removed from OCPE if the student is not attending the state-required 15 hours per week.
6. Be removed from OCPE if a student sustains an injury or has an extended illness resulting in more than a two-week absence during the semester due to the 90% attendance rule.
7. Risk loss of credit if the student quits before the end of the semester.
8. Notify the OCPE department:
 - **Before** a facility change is made. Students **may not** transfer to a non-approved facility.
 - **If removed / dropped / dismissed from your approved facility** as this will result in being removed from OCPE.
9. Make sure the facility turns in attendance and grades to the OCPE department on time.
 - Failure for the facility to meet this responsibility will result in being dropped from the program.
10. Have competition absences approved by the school **two weeks in advance** of the competition or performance.
 - Competition requests may be denied by the school principal if there are existing excessive absences, academic problems, or other circumstances that warrant denial.
 - A competition request form will be provided to parents once a student has been approved for the OCPE program.
11. Attach a letter of recommendation from the facility coach. The letter should be written on a facility letterhead and include:
 - Verification of the number of years at the facility
 - Verification of prior training for one previous year with a minimum of ten hours each week
 - Verification of the number of hours per week in participation
 - Verification of the level of competition.
12. Complete and submit the application before the deadline of **May 1** for the following school year and **November 1** for the spring semester.
 - Students who are new to the district and meet the criteria may be placed on an addendum.
 - The recommendation letter from the facility coach must be uploaded with your application.
14. Not hold CFISD responsible for payment or fees by the training facility.

If the student meets the above qualifications, contact the OCPE department for an application.

Please contact the Off-Campus PE department at (281) 897-4140 or (281) 517-2802 if you need additional information concerning the CFISD Off-Campus PE program.